of natural justice with regard to cross-examination of persons in favour of those who bring these complaints ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I do not think the Education Department is so much concerned with the legal aspect of the case. If it is a legal case the teacher will sue the Manager in a court of law. It is a departmental affair and not a legal one.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : Is it possible to get at the truth without giving the aggrieved party an opportunity of cross-examination ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : In some cases it is the Assistant Inspectors that hold the enquiry and they generally give such an opportunity.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : Are all the 49 appeals pending ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : No.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : Are at least some pending ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : There were only 4 cases in which the Director was able to pass final orders stating that four teachers had to be reinstated.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) May I know whether there is effective control over these management institutions by the Department in cases in which harm is done to these teachers ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I think members are aware that we are increasing the control over these institutions in this regard.

Untrained Teachers.

32. ❋ MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, in former days, teachers with more than ten years service were considered to be as good as trained teachers for purposes of increment of pay, promotion, seniority, etc ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether that practice has been discontinued, and, if so, the reason for the same ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) An approved service of ten years as teachers of Classes I to IV in Departmental or Recognised Private Vernacular Schools was recognised as a substitute for formal training.

(*b*) The above concession was withdrawn with the institution of the Untrained Teachers' Certificate Examination.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether untrained teachers' examination is being held now ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : There is one final examination this year and after that it will be stopped.

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MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether after the abolition of that examination the old rules will be brought into effect?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is doubtful whether the old rule in its exact wording will be restored. But some rule may come into effect.

Untrained Teachers.

33. ❋ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of untrained teachers of more than 35 years of age, with their total service and the reason for not giving them training till now?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): *First Part*, Government do not propose to collect the information asked for, as the time and labour involved for collecting the same is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Second Part. The member is referred to Rule 183 of the Education Code.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The answer to part (2) says that the member is referred to Rule 183 of the Education Code. With reference to that I wish to make one submission. It is not published in the Rules and Regulations of the Assembly. Education Code is not a book that is supplied to the members of this House.

PRESIDENT: I am told that it is in the Legislative Library.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If a member refers to a particular volume of a particular book contained in the Legislative Library in the answer on which a supplementary question has to be put, my submission is that such an answer will be utterly inadequate. We will be quite helpless.

PRESIDENT: That is what is done in other Legislatures. The member is referred to Rule 183 of the Education Code which is in the Legislative Library. That is the usual answer which is given in every other recognised Legislature.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If that is the view of the fact, when we are feeling this difficulty, I request the President to consider this aspect of the question and enable us to have a fuller answer. Precedents may be quoted for all these things. But we must be allowed to have a full opportunity of doing justice to our work.

PRESIDENT: I think there is some purpose to be served in laying these questions and answers on the table some time before the meeting. If you had immediately referred to Rule 183 of the Education Code you could have known what it is.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Probably the Secretary will see to the supply of the proper book.

PRESIDENT: If the member had asked for the book the Secretary would have supplied it.

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